

**UNAPPROVED**  
**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy's Legislative/Regulatory Committee met on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room #4, Henrico, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Melissa Wolff-Burke, PT, EdD, Board Member, Committee Chair  
Sarah Schmidt, PTA, MPA, Board Member  
Tracey Adler, PT, DPT, Board Member

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Corie E. Tillman Wolf, Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst  
Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Laura Mueller, Program Manager, Board of Physical Therapy  
Asia Pham, Intern

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Erik Wijtmans, PT, The Therapy Network  
Josh Bailey, PT, DPT, Rehab Association of Central Virginia  
Tom Bohanon, PT, DPT, InMotion Physical Therapy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Legislative/Regulatory Committee meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Dr. Wolff-Burke, Committee Chair, asked Committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Dr. Wolff-Burke provided reminders regarding meeting materials on laptops for panel members and speaking directly into the microphones.

Ms. Tillman Wolf read the Emergency Egress Procedures.

**AGENDA:**

Dr. Wolff-Burke asked whether there were any proposed changes to the agenda. With no proposed changes, the meeting proceeded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Committee then received public comment:

Dr. Josh Bailey, PT, DPT, of the Virginia Physical Therapy Association (VPTA), stated that VPTA and the Virginia Occupational Therapy Association (VOTA) have had many discussions regarding this issue. Both organizations do not support adding VOTA or the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) as approved continuing education (CE) providers for physical therapists. The addition of VOTA or AOTA as providers of CE courses for physical therapists would be unilateral, as physical therapists would not be able to provide CE courses for occupational therapists. The credentialing cycles for NCBOT and VOTA are not consistent; the CE courses do not go through the same process for credentialing and quality monitoring. Finally, a school system course will be co-sponsored by VPTA and VOTA, so occupational therapists and physical therapists will both be able to earn CE credit for attendance.

Ms. Tillman Wolf read a statement provided by Peggy Belmont, PT, the original petitioner of the NOIRA on adding VOTA/AOTA to the CE approval list, which thanked the Board and Board staff for additional consideration of adding VOTA/AOTA to the CE approval list. Ms. Belmont was unable to get a reconsideration from the VOTA and APTA presidents; she has no new resolutions or understandings. Ms. Belmont continues to believe that the additions could be helpful, perhaps in the future.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Committee members discussed whether VOTA and AOTA should be added as Type 1 CE coursework providers for renewal of a Physical Therapy license.

Committee members discussed the possibility of a solution outside of a regulatory change, including co-sponsored training by VPTA and VOTA, as referenced by Dr. Josh Bailey during public comment.

A **MOTION** was made by Sarah Schmidt, PTA, MPH, properly seconded by Dr. Tracey Adler, PT, DPT, that a recommendation be made to the full Board that no action be taken on this matter at this time. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

The recommendation will be presented to the full Board on August 22, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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Melissa Wolff-Burke, PT, EdD, Chair

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Corie Tillman Wolf, J.D., Executive Director

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